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Application No. 09/891,224 :
Filed: June 26, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. 42390P11803 :
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 25, 2006 (certificate of mailing date April 21, 2006), to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply to the non-final Office action mailed July 26, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 27, 2005 for failure to reply. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 13, 2006.

Petitioner has submitted an amendment in reply to the July 26, 2005 non-final Office action, an acceptable statement of the unintentional nature of the delay in responding to the July 26, 2005 non-final Office action, and the required petition fee.¹

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2654 for consideration of the amendment filed on April 25, 2006 (certificate of mailing date April 21, 2006).

¹ Practitioner may not have been in a position to know whether or not the delay was unintentional. If practitioner has no knowledge of the nature of the delay, practitioner must make a reasonable inquiry into the matter. If practitioner discovers the delay was not unintentional, practitioner must notify the Office. A courtesy copy of this decision will be mailed to the address listed on the petition. All future correspondence will be mailed to the address of record.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3230.



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